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NEWS BRIEFS

SGA announces election winners

by Michael G. Payne
 SGA Executive Director

The next Student Government Association (SGA) president will be Kevin Hayes, a junior mechanical engineering major. The SGA vice president for 1993-94 will be Robert Wallace, a sophomore mechanical engineering major.

Kevin Hayes brought in 56.4 percent of the 713 votes cast. Tom Tyson received 37.3 percent. Write in votes accounted for the remaining 45 ballots.

Robert Wallace, running unopposed for vice president, accumulated 62.4 percent of the votes.

The junior class led voter turnout with 62.9 percent of the class participating, followed by the sophomores with 60.3 percent, the freshman with 56.4 percent, the seniors with 44 percent, and the graduate students with seven percent.

A total of 56 percent of undergraduates participated, for a total Rose-Hulman student body turnout of 52 percent.

Last Lecture Series to feature Heinz C. Luegenbiehl

The next speaker at the Last Lecture Series will be Heinz C. Luegenbiehl, professor of philosophy and technical studies. The lecture will be held Thursday, February 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Performing Arts room of the Hulman Memorial Union.

The Last Lecture Series provides a Rose-Hulman professor with the opportunity of sharing with others things that are ultimately important to him. It goes beyond the normal classroom and challenges us to evaluate our priorities in life.

The Last Lecture Series is sponsored by InterVarsity. Engineering and business



Heinz C. Luegenbiehl

ethics and the social impact of technology are Luegenbiehl's areas of specialization. He has done research in engineering codes of ethics, moral education, and technology and the liberal arts.

Take Five scheduled Friday night

The Rose-Hulman student activities office is sponsoring Take Five Friday, February 5, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Students are encouraged to take these five hours off and enjoy life again. The event will include five hours of physical activity and competition.

The event is sponsored, said Lisa Parker of the activities office, because students are often feeling depressed and under the weather at this time of year. Take Five gives students a chance to hang out and blow

off steam, she stated.

Teams will be competing in a number of events, including doubles foosball tournament, singles racquetball tournament, doubles ping pong tournament, arm wrestling tournament, volleyball tournament, three on three nerf basketball and free throw and three point contest.

The winners of each event will win a T-shirt. The winning team will receive a pizza party.

Russian to be changed to two-year program

President Hulbert has announced that our Russian program will be changed to a two-year rather than a four-year program. Students who are juniors in the program will be offered the fourth year so they can earn the Certificate of Technical Translation.

Hulbert noted that one of the recommendations of the Commission on the Task Force

on Global Education was that our language programs should emphasize the cultural and social aspects of foreign language education and reduce the emphasis on technical translation.

Hulbert said he hopes that our foreign language program can be expanded to include Spanish, which was another task force recommendation.

Theta Xi fights poverty through Greek Vision

Theta Xi fraternity is reaching out to fight hunger and homelessness for the third quarter in a row. Theta Xi's philanthropic efforts are pooled with numerous Greek students supporting an exciting program offered through Greek Vision.

Theta Xi has raised \$144 by pledging to donate "one dollar per member per month" to fight hunger. These monies were pooled with other Greek Vision chapters to support re-

lief and development projects administered by well established relief and development agencies.

Greek Vision also seeks to educate the Greek community about the root causes for poverty. Statistically the majority of all politicians and corporate leaders are affiliated with the Greek community. Greek Vision believes their efforts could change a whole generation's awareness towards poverty related issues.

Classical guitarist Christopher Laughlin is next up in Rose-Hulman's Fine Arts Series

Classical guitarist Christopher Laughlin will perform on February 6 at Rose-Hulman's Moench Hall Auditorium as part of the college's Fine Arts Series.

The concert is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens and non-Rose-Hulman students.

Laughlin has been described as "one of America's finest young classical guitarists." His concerts combine classics by Bach, Sor, Albeniz and Villa-Lobos with works by contemporary composers such as Leo Brouwer, Benjamin Britten and Egberto Gismonti.

"You have to be kind of creative in creating your repertoire," Laughlin says. "You have to encourage composers to write for guitar or be inventive. Some guitarists have done transcriptions of wind trios. I have a Scarlatti harpsichord piece."



Christopher Laughlin, classical guitarist

During his Rose-Hulman concert, Laughlin is scheduled to perform "Scherzino Mexicano" and "Sonata III" by Manuel M. Ponce, "Fete Villageoise (op. 20)" by Giulio Regondi, "Fandanguiullo," by Joaquin Turina, "Sunburst" by Andrew York and "Sevilla" by Isaac Albeniz. He will also perform three pieces from the Broadway musical

"West Side Story."

A Chicago native and Yale University graduate, Laughlin has toured in Portugal, Greece, Egypt and India through the United States Information Service's "Arts America" program. He has also performed in France and Canada. In the U.S., Laughlin has performed with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra, the Symphony String Quartet and has been featured on WFMT radio.

Laughlin, who also graduated from the famed Peabody Conservatory, has earned awards in numerous international competitions. He studied for two years in Paris as a Fulbright Scholar and on a grant from the French Foreign Ministry.

Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the concert. For advance tickets, persons can call (812) 877-8275.

Rose leads state in helping fill blood bank

Wednesday wasn't just another blood drive for the Central Indiana Regional Blood Center.

This was the day the local agency makes its quarterly stop at Rose-Hulman, which has the highest percentage of participation of any Indiana college.

In fact, Rose-Hulman's students, staff and faculty annually donate five to seven percent of all blood given in the Terre Haute region, according to CIRBC's Mike Sullivan.

"The drives at Rose-Hulman are always special, something our staff gets motivated for," Sullivan said.

On this particular Wednesday, Rose-Hulman donated 297 pints—a record for the winter quarter drive. Three blood drives are organized in Moench Hall Auditorium during each academic year. Rose-Hulman has now donated 7,772 pints of blood since the 1977-78 academic year. The record year was 1990-91, during Desert Storm, with 722 pints.

"There's a sense of commitment by our students, faculty and staff to donate to the local blood bank," says Donna Gustafson, director of student activities at Rose-Hulman. "This is one way

our students can assist the local community, along with all of the fraternity service projects. Also, they have a lot of fun."

Student groups challenge each other for prizes. A \$25 prize was given to Mees Hall, the hall with the greatest number of participants. The floor with the greatest percentage of participants, Deming Attic, will receive the use of the big screen TV for the quarter. A plaque is awarded each quarter to the fraternity having the highest percentage of donations. T-shirts were given to every tenth donor.

Graduates face mixed job market



by John Williams
 College Press Service

Despite an improving economy, college graduates face a mixed job market this spring. More job opportunities may be possible, but expectations for salaries are lower, according to a leading employment report.

"There is widespread anticipation that the new administration and Congress will put programs into place to stimulate the economy," said Victor Lindquist, associate dean and director of placement at Northwestern University. He is the author of the 1993 Northwestern University Lindquist-Endicott Report.

The 47th annual survey of business and industrial firms nationwide found that corporate America is "relatively optimistic," but that the outlook for 1993 graduates is only slightly better than 1992, the worst market for graduates in the past 20 years.

Most of the 258 businesses surveyed are cutting back on recruitment on college campuses and are reducing hiring in several disciplines, most non-engineering graduates.

"Students will have to market themselves more effectively and have more flexibility," Lindquist said. "They must realize that their 'dream job' may be in another location or at a level less than desired."

Some other findings of the report include:

*Students with degrees in computer science will find an 18 percent increase in job opportunities.

*Demand for students with master's degrees in accounting will fall nearly 66 percent.

*At the bachelor's level, 47 percent of the firms will need more personnel, but 42 percent will need fewer new employees. For students with master's degrees, 42 percent of the firms will hire more graduates, but 34 percent will hire fewer students.

*A majority of the firms conduct drug tests and many check education and past employment references. Many firms are now using psychological testing.

*Students with degrees in engineering can expect salaries 0.2 percent higher than 1992 graduates; liberal arts, 1.3 percent higher; and mathematics or sta-

tistics, 1 percent higher.

Patrick Scheetz, director of Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University in East Lansing, found in a national survey that employers are projecting a decrease in the hiring of college graduates for the fourth straight year.

The results were reported in Michigan State's 22nd annual national survey, which said that the most serious problem facing campus recruiters is the limited number of minority and female job-seekers, and the need for more applicants with work experience. Graduate students also have unrealistic expectations, the report said.

*Employers are becoming more selective about their new hires, and some firms won't consider applicants with a grade point average less than 3.0.

*Job availability, while competitive nationwide, is better in the Southeast and North Central, and more competitive in the Southwest, South Central, Northeast and Northwest.

Opinion

German beer and health care

by Kevin Neilson
Thorn Foreign Correspondent

I've heard it said that when Americans get drunk, they talk about girls and beer, whereas Europeans contemplate politics over a brew. I've also heard it said that German beer, which is required by old law to have no other ingredients than hops, rye, water, and yeast, is far superior to American beer. Perhaps the constraint on its contents omits the ingredient that befuddles the intoxicated American mind.

However, this time the speaker was a Canadian, and the beer was Irish Guinness, a thick mixture which I believe could be used, after being treated with deoxygenating agents to reduce its viscosity, power semis. It was Wednesday (yes, my Rose readership, Wednesday) and the third party we had been to. The Guinness had been having a visible effect upon the Canadian for quite some time. He was attempting to speak in German, and his sentence structure had degraded enormously. The subject was health care and he repeated his main thesis in a slurred voice: "Maybe it's just my Canadian upbringing, but I think it is immoral and wrong to let a person die just because they don't have the money to pay for medical care."

He was, of course, referring to the treatment of the less fortunate by the U.S. health care system.

As we all know, health care was a major issue in the last U.S. elec-

tion. During the campaign, the health care systems of many European countries, Germany in particular, were cited as examples which the U.S. should follow. What is so great about these systems?

"In Canada, you don't have to pay the doctor," the Canadian answered the question for me. "And you only have to pay a couple of dollars for drugs."

This is definitely the case here in Germany. The doctor isn't paid by the patient. He sends his bill to the insurance company (in the majority of cases, a branch of the federal government) and the insurance (government) pays the fees. But how much do the insurance rates differ?

I pay about \$45 per month to be covered by insurance here. This is well over twice the rate I would pay at Rose. And this insurance rate is low, because it is the fee for students, who are not only healthier but also subsidized by the government. Workers here may have 15-20 percent of their pay withheld for health insurance.

"So, the main difference between our systems," I questioned the Canadian, "is that in your system, the sick and the healthy all pay the same, whereas with our system, the healthy save money and the sick are hit hard." The healthy and the sick pay the same, but one can always be assured that he will not be overburdened should he become sick. These are the markings of any socialist system.

"Correct," he answered. "But in your country, someone who has been healthy and worked hard all of his life to save money can suddenly lose all he has struggled for if he gets cancer or something. And when his money runs out his treatments stop. That's just like murder." Apparently he had gotten most of his information from a Canadian-produced TV program. Most of his information was correct, but he was also under the assumption that a dying person was refused admittance to a hospital until he showed he had the cash to pay.

I admitted there was some truth to the fact that even with insurance, one could lose his life's savings if he developed a serious disease. So it boils down to a question of whether it is better to burden everyone with increased fees, or let the healthy pay less and give the sick astronomical fees? Socialism or capitalism? "Even the unemployed can get a waiver for state insurance and still be treated as well as everyone else," the Canadian informed me.

But wait, there's more! "What about the hypochondriacs who go to the doctor all the time because it is free?"

"Yes, we have those, but not too many."

"What about the quality of health care?" I asked.

"Health care in the U.S. is the best in the world. But it costs more, and fewer receive it."

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Straighthen up, sophomores?

by Chad Zigler
Thorn Features Editor

On January 21, the sophomore class had the distinct pleasure of being entertained by James Eifert, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. The meeting was called after the topic of poor academic performance by the sophomore class during the fall quarter was addressed at the President's Administrative Council.

This meeting was a big surprise to many students who were informed via the NeXT e-mail system. The message struck fear in the minds of many, and others scoffed at it. Rumors started to circulate, and no one knew for sure what the meeting was about.

At 5:15, the sophomores met to listen to Eifert say, more or less, that we (sophomores) haven't been doing well and that we need to straighten up. He informed us with some startling statistics: 57 sophomores (about 20 percent of the class) are currently on academic probation, and the mid-term grades for Winter quarter weren't looking any better. Basically, it was one of those "shame on you" speeches.

I don't mean to make light of the matter. In fact, this issue should be a major concern of both faculty and students. But the source of the problem is where most of the conflict arises. This is why I think Eifert should have opened the floor for comments concerning what the students thought. Instead, he just scolded us and told us to do better.

I believe the problem lies in many areas. Yes, the students may be struggling with their classes, but I don't think the problem should be blamed completely on them. With the continual change in the curricula here at Rose, the students often receive the worst end of the deal when these new ideas are instituted. Basically, we serve as guinea pigs for educational research.

Isn't Rose supposed to be a teaching institution and not a center of research? I agree that in order for Rose to remain at the top of the engineering college rankings, the teaching methods have to be constantly upgraded. But doing this at the student's expense is going a bit too far.

Because of these kinds of complications, I think some faculty members need to take their feet off the accelerator and let the students catch up. With the implementation of computers into the mechanical engineering classes in the 1993-94 school year, students are going to be hit again with a change in the curriculum. I hope the professors don't steamroll the poor students with computer problems in classes that are already hellish, like Dynamics (just ask some of the survivors about the nicknames for that class).

Rose-Hulman is already one of the most rigorous engineering institutions of which I know, and it is a leader in new educational techniques. But please, let's not overdo it. Maybe this moderation will be the remedy the sophomore class is waiting for.

Letter to the Editor

Normally I would just again ignore Senator Young and let him go about his way. But this time I question his true intent. This Senate meeting took place almost 2 months ago and he just now decides to write this letter? Does the timing of this have anything to do with election time?

In my opinion, Senator Young's true motive was to attack Tom Tyson, the SGA Vice President, before the Tuesday election. Vice President Tyson, as usual, properly conducted the December 15th Senate meeting.

After speaking with Presidential candidate Kevin Hayes, I know for a fact that Senator Young is not working on Mr. Hayes' campaign (That's probably to Mr. Hayes' advantage). In fact, Mr. Young worked on Mr. Piper's campaign earlier

before the SGA primary.

Falsely attacking a person's character and actions in a newspaper is not only immoral and unethical, but also illegal. In my opinion, Senator Young quickly needs to learn the difference between fact and fiction before it gets him into even more trouble.

Senator Rob Wallace

In response to Senator Mark Young's letter to the editor published in Friday's January 29th issue of the Rose-Thorn:

Once again Senator Mark Young has twisted the facts around to fit his needs. The motion to "suspend the rules" does in no way give absolute power to

the Vice-President during Senate meetings. It simply allows the Senate to consider a bill or resolution, in this case the purchase of the SGA computer, out of order of business.

Senator Young states that the Vice President decided to kick out all students from the SGA meeting. Once again Senator Young does not understand that it was the Senate, not the Vice President, who asked students, but more importantly the SGA Executive officers who favored the purchase of an Amiga, to leave during the consideration of the proposal. Then Mr. Young went on and gave a nice little speech about student representation, to which I could hear the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Sounds like a little propaganda to me.

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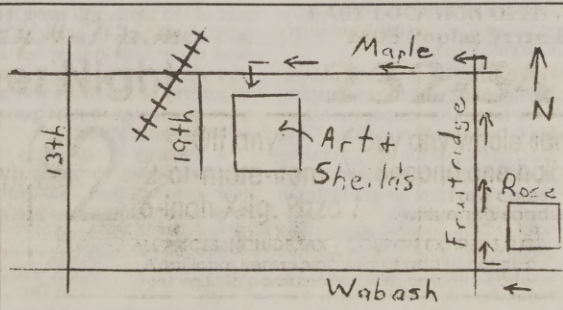
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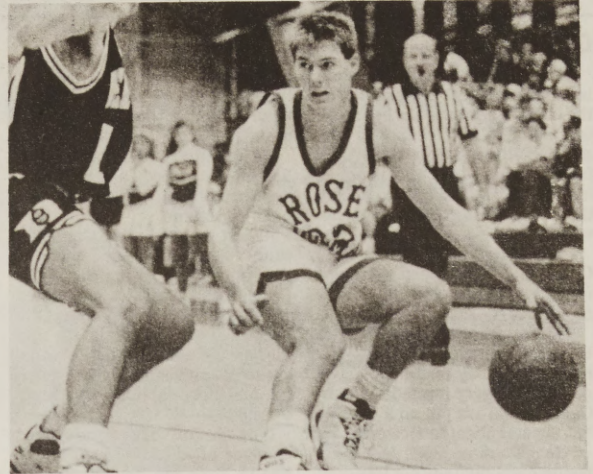
by Jim Broskow
Sports Editor

After a long series of disappointments, the Engineers have finally come up with a win. Last Saturday, at the Monon Bell Classic hosted by Wabash Col-

lege, Rose defeated Wheaton College 24-12. Jim Labbe had six victories in the tournament, extending his record to 16-5 this season at the 134-pound weight class. His brother Joe continues to be successful at 126. He went 5-1 in

the tournament.

The wrestling team heads toward Chicago again this weekend for the Wheaton Invitational. The Division III Regional Tournament is approaching, and both Labbes have a chance at advancing.



All-ICAC guard Scott Beach cuts through the DePauw defense in a previous game.

Engineers hope to step up in ICAC

by Jim Broskow
Sports Editor

The Engineers are ready to climb back up in the ICAC, and they started Wednesday by routing the grizzlies of Franklin College, 102-59. It was the first time Rose beat Franklin in 71 years. Their last matchup with the defending ICAC champs was 92-76 loss earlier this year.

Rose did an outstanding job scoring in the game, making a .646 field goal average. Sophomore center Chris Wheatley led the Engineers in scoring with 17 points, and also added the game high in rebounds with seven. Said Perkins, "We had a great effort. We

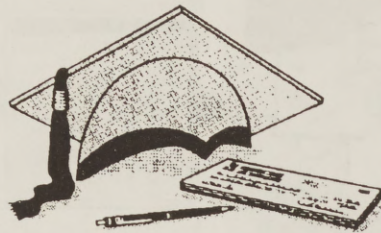
played good, solid basketball for 40 minutes."

The game improved Rose to 3-4 in the ICAC and 13-6 overall. But they still have a long way to go to match Hanover, who are 6-1 in the ICAC and are currently ranked second in the NCAA Division III's Midwest Region.

Tomorrow afternoon Rose has a chance to reverse their previous loss to Anderson University, as they visit Shook Fieldhouse. Their last encounter was a 79-62 disappointment in Anderson. Anderson is 1-6 in the ICAC, and 6-12 overall, but as can be seen from the results of the last game, they shouldn't be taken for granted. Coach Perkins hopes that Rose's home court will continue to prove as successful for the remaining games.

Next Wednesday the Engineers travel to play DePauw once again. DePauw is second in the ICAC with a conference record of 5-2, and is the only other ICAC team still ranked in the Midwest Region.

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Features

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So one advantage to our system is better health care. Incidentally, the doctors here are the best paid in the world, which explains why my hometown doctor emigrated from Canada to set up a practice in Indiana. I would venture to say that our doctors are the best in the world.

I posed another question to the Canadian. "If you need a surgery in Canada, can you get it immediately?"

"Another advantage of the U.S.," he conceded, "is if you have the money in the U.S., you get your surgery immediately. In Canada, you are put on a waiting list for complicated surgeries."

"So in Canada, more people get health care, but they get less of it, both in quality and the amount of time one has to wait for it. Tell me this. If one needs a vital surgery, and has to wait or has treatments widely spaced, and this individual dies whereas his counterpart in the U.S. who received immediate care recovers, isn't that also murder?"

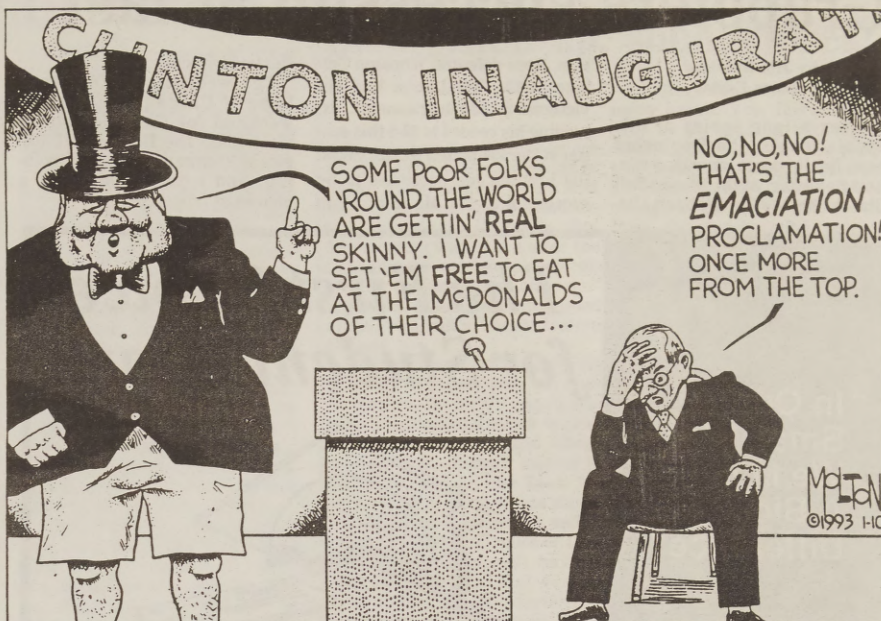
There is a fuzzy line there, he

admitted. I queried again. "Aren't there abuses of the system? If doctors are paid by the amount of work they do..."

He admitted that Canadian doctors often overbook and rush people through, because they are paid by volume.

"What we need," the Canadian said, "is a combination between the American and the Canadian/German system." I.e., better care, as in the U.S., for more of the populace, as in Canada. Taking the best of these qualities requires one important commodity—capital. And more capital means higher taxes.

I do definitely agree that changes have to be made in our health care system. President Clinton and his wife, in charge of making a draft of the new system, have some very important decisions to make. Some problems, such as the legal aspect of medicine and the lawsuits, may be changed by legislation. But to make an effective change in our system, it can be certain that higher taxes will be needed.



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